

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 13-15, 18, 24-27, 29-30, 36-37, 43-44 and 50-51 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13, 24-27, 29-30, 36-37, 43-44 and 50-51 are amended, and claims 1-7, 16-17, 28, 31-32, 35, 38-39, 42, 45-46, 49 and 52-53 are cancelled. By this Amendment, no claims are added. Claims 13 and 24-27 are the independent claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 13-18, 24-32, 35-39, 42-46, and 49-53 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato et al. (U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2002/0145702, hereinafter “Kato”) in view of Ando et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,054,545, hereinafter “Ando”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

Applicants amended claim 13 to recite, *inter alia*, a data area storing a first stream file for presentation data and a second stream file for audio data, the presentation data being divided into a number of still picture units, the still picture units including at least one still picture and associated related data, the related data not including audio data. The Examiner acknowledges that Kato does not disclose these features. Instead, the Examiner relies upon FIGS. 1 and 11 of Ando. See Final Office Action, page 6. Applicants disagree.

FIG. 1 of Ando illustrates a management data structure that pertains to audio track information. FIG. 11 of Ando illustrates a link method to text information which is associated in units of tracks. Referring to (c) of FIG. 1, data area 112 is an area in which a user can record information in medium 100 that has a format in which general computer information recording area 120 and **audio / video related information recording area 121**

can be present together. See Ando, column 5, lines 28-33. Referring to (d) of FIG. 1, the audio / video related information recording area 121 includes a management information recording area 130 for recording audio related information, a VR_Movie object recording area 131 for recording video objects, an **AR_S**till picture object recording area 132 for recording still pictures, an AR_Audio Object recording area 133 for recording audio contents, and an AR_real_time text object recording area 134 for recording real-time test information. The audio related information of the “management information recording area 130” includes audio information, **still picture information** and Real-time Test information. Ando, column 5, lines 46-49.

Ando does not disclose “the still picture units including at least **one still picture** and **associated related data**” of claim 13. Rather, the “still picture information” is recorded in the Management information recording area 1300 while the “still pictures” are recorded in the AR_S still picture object recording area 132. As a result, Ando cannot possibly disclose the **still picture unit** within the meaning of claim 13. If the Examiner believes otherwise, Applicants invite the Examiner to specifically point out which feature of Ando reads on the “still picture unit” of claim 13.

In addition, Applicants submit that Ando does not disclose “a playitem...including first duration information indicating whether to display the still picture in the still picture unit for one of a finite and an infinite period of time...[and] second duration information indicating a length of time to display the still picture when the fist duration information indicates to display the still picture for a finite period time” of claim 13.

Rather, Ando merely discloses a display time per still picture that is calculated by dividing a playback time of an audio track by the number of still pictures. Ando, column 2, lines 27-30, column 26, lines 17-22 and column 25, lines 44-50. For example, Ando uses the PGC and the CELL for reproducing audio data. The still picture data is linked to the audio

data depending on the presentation of the audio data. The information linking the still picture data and the audio data is the entry point. However, Ando does not disclose a PGC and CELL for reproducing still picture data only. That is, Ando includes only management information for the presentation of the audio data, not the picture data. Only when the audio data is reproduced is there information linking the still picture to the audio data. Therefore, Ando discloses a structure wherein the presentation of the still picture data is dependent upon the presentation of the audio. That is, Ando's still picture data cannot be managed independently of Ando's audio data. Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to Ando, column 18, line 64 to column 19, line 3.

In case of a VOBU which includes A_PCK (audio pack), as shown in FIGS. 10A to 10C or FIGS. 10D to 10F, display time 1807 of one still picture means the playback time of audio information in a VOBU. On the other hand, in case of a VOBU which includes no A_PCK (audio pack), as shown in FIGS. 10G to 10I, **display time 1807 means the still display period of a still image.**

Ando discloses a data structure which merely provides information regarding display time only, not information on whether the time duration is finite or infinite. Therefore, Ando cannot disclose "a playitem...including first duration information indicating whether to display the still picture in the still picture unit for one of a finite and an infinite period of time...[and] second duration information indicating a length of time to display the still picture when the first duration information indicates to display the still picture for a finite period time" of claim 13.

Independent claims 24-27 have been amended to include features similar to amended claim 13, and therefore are patentable for the same reasons stated above. Also, claims 14-15, 18, 29-30, 36-37, 43-44 and 50-51, dependent on claims 13 and 24-27, are patentable for the same reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

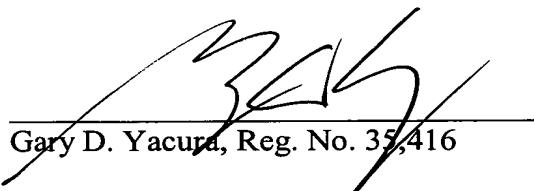
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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